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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - OCTOBER 16

1. NYT (PAGE 1) LESLIE GELB REPORTS THAT CONTRARY TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON "MEET THE PRESS" SUNDAY, SEVERAL AUTHORITATIVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAY TALKS WITH SOVIET ON SALT ARE IN TROUBLE AND IF NO AGREEMENT BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IS IN FULL SWING NEXT YEAR CONSENSUS AMONG MANY OFFICIALS IS SOVIET-AMERICAN DETENTE COULD NOT SURVIVE FAILURE.

2. NYT (PAGE 7) REPORT FROM PARIS SAYS SOLZHENITSYN'S NEW BOOK TO BE ISSUED TOMORROW IN PARIS.

3. NYT (PAGE 22) SETH KING FROM IOWA SAYS WHILE MIDWEST FARMERS HARVEST BUMBER GRAIN SOYBEAN CROPS, CONTINUED EMBARGO ON GRAIN SALES TO SOVIET HAS THEIR RESENTMENT TOWARD ADMINISTRATION RISING.

4. NYT (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT ENTITLED "POST-HELSINKI-GERMANY"

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CONCLUDES WITH COUNTRY STILL FENCED IN, TRAVEL SEVERELY

LIMITED AND TWENTY SOVIET DIVISIONS ENCAMPED EAST GERMANY  
REMAINS PRISION CAMP, A SOURCE OF UNEASINESS FOR ITS

RULERS AND MOSCOW AS WELL.

5. POST (PAGE 16) MOSCOW DISPATCH NOTES SCHEDULED  
SECOND ROUND GISCARD-BREZHNEV MEETING CALLED OFF WITH  
SPECULATION BREZHNEV ILL OR PROBLEMS HAD ARISEN. ALSO  
OTHER PAPERS.

6. POST (OP-ED PAGE) PETER OSNOS, IN PIECE ENTITLED  
"HELSINKI FINAL ACT: A DILEMMA FOR MOSCOW", NOTES KREMLIN  
PROBLEM WHETHER LET SAKHAROV ACCEPT NOBEL PRIZE POSES  
DILEMMA FOR WHILE NOT PREPARING ANY OVERHAUL OF ITS  
BASIC SYSTEM, FINAL ACT IS A FACT AND SOVIET PREDICAMENT  
-- MUCH MORE THAN WEST'S -- IS HOW TO LIVE WITH IT.

7. SUN (PAGE 1) MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTS CENSORING NOW  
PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND HER OTHER DISILLUSIONMENTS. ALSO  
OTHER PAPERS.

8. SUN (PAGE 3) PEOPLE IN NEWS SECTION SAYS L.A. MAYOR  
WILL PRESENT COMMENDATION TO SAKHAROV IF POSSIBLE DURING  
VISIT THIS MONTH. ALSO CSM.

9. SUN (PAGE 4) HAL PIPER REPORTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
ARE MEDIA OF EXCHANGE TO DR. STEVER LIKE MONEY OR OIL AND  
THOSE WHO THINK U.S. IS GETTING FLEECE BY SOVIETS IS  
WRONG, HE THINKS.

10. SUN (PAGE 4) MOSCOW BUREAU REPORTS SOVIET ACADEMY  
SCIENCES REPORTEDLY CANCELLED FOR MONTH ELECTION OF  
MEMBERSHIP TO TAKE UP MANDATE TYING SOVIET SCIENCE INTO  
NATIONAL ECONOMY.

11. SUN (OP-ED PAGE) JOE KRAFT IN PIECE ENTITLED  
"SLEIGHT-OF-HAND DEAL UNDERCUTTING DETENTE" SAYS NO  
SYMMETRY BETWEEN U.S WHEAT AND SOVIET OIL AND IT IS  
WRONG TO JUDGE DETENTE IN TERMS SIMPLE HORSE TRADE AND  
WITH LESS SLEIGHT-OF-HAND BY ADMINISTRATION THIS RESPECT,  
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THERE MIGHT BE LESS SUSPICION AMONG ITS CRITICS.

12. WSJ (OP-ED PAGE) EDIT ENTITLED "SALT IN YOUR EYE"  
SAYS THERE IS TODAY NO URGENT REASON TO REACH ACCORD  
AND WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL SOVIETS PREPARED STRIKE MORE EVEN  
BARGAIN SINCE MEANINGFUL DETENTE CAN ONLY BE BUILT  
ON BASIS TRUE EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY.

13. CSM (PAGE 4) TAKASHI OKA FROM LONDON REPORTS VISITING

HEAD PORTUGAL'S CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY SAYS SOVIET  
SENT ART, WEST SENDS "PORN" TO PORTUGAL.

14. CSM (PAGE 13) ELIZABETH POND REPORTS MEDIEVAL  
RUSSIA ALIVE RECONSTRUCTED TALLINN.

15. CSM (OP-ED PAGE) JOE HARSCH IN COMMENTARY ENTITLED  
"SALT II AND ITS PROSPECTS" POINTS OUT DIFFICULTY IN  
BALANCING WEAPONS EACH SIDE WHICH ARE DIFFERENT IN  
THEIR CHARACTERISTICS AND CONCLUDES DISPARITY IN NUMBERS  
IN SALT I PROVED PUBLIC LIABILITY TO SECRETARY WHO NOW  
INSISTING ON EQUALITY AND THAT MAY MAKE FINAL  
AGREEMENT DIFFICULT FOR ALTHOUGH SECRETARY SAID AGREEMENT  
90 COMPLETE LAST 10 ALWAYS THE HARDEST. KISSINGER

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